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FROM AMBASSADOR FERGUSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ESCAP, IN

SUBJECT: ESCAP: 31ST SESSION: RVN DEL PROPOSED SPEECH--PRG  
INVITATION ISSUE

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 2703

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(C) STATE 45155 (NOTAL)

(D) NEW DELHI 2854

1. SUMMARY: IN ABSENCE OF RECEIPT OF REQUESTED  
GUIDANCE REF. D, AMBASSADOR FERGUSON EXECUTED  
INSTRUCTIONS REF. C, PARA 1 (C). PRIOR TO STATEMENT,  
AMBASSADOR FERGUSON CONDUCTED INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS  
WITH USSR, PRC, RVN, ROK AND KHMER. CONFRONTATION ON  
ON REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MONDAY NOW LIKELY. ACTION  
REQUESTED: GRANT FULL DISCRETION TO DAL TO ACHIEVE USG  
OBJECTIVE. END SUMMARY.

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2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPTION OF STATEMENT MADE BY AMBASSADOR FERGUSON EXTEMPORANEOUSLY IN PLENARY. QUOTE--MR. CHAIRMAN: I SHOULD FIRST LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR GIVING ME THE FLOOR EVEN THOUGH WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT MY DELEGATION HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS VIEWS IN REGARD TO AGENDA ITEM 4.

MY DELEGATION, HOWEVER, FEELS COMPELLED TO NOTE WITH DEEP REGRET THAT A CERTAIN DELEGATION, IN THE COURSE OF THE DEBATE ON THIS AGENDA ITEM, HAS CAST ASPERSIONS ON THE LEGITIMACY OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT'S DELEGATION, HAS MADE OFFENSIVE CHARACTERIZATION OF A MEMBER STATE OF ESCAP WHICH IS SO BRAVELY DEFENDING ITSELF AGAINST CONTINUING AND PERSISTENT AGGRESSION AND SUBVERSION AND HAS MADE MYSTERIOUS ALLUSIONS TO AN UNKNOWN PHANTOM GOVERNMENT--THE SO-CALLED PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF VIET NAM.

THE DELEGATION OF SOUTH VIET NAM HAS REPLIED IN ITS OWN RIGHT. THERE IS NOT NEED FOR MY DELEGATION TO ADD TO THAT REPLY. WE DO, HOWEVER, ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH THE VIEW EXPRESSED THAT THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO SOUTH VIET NAM'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS PRECISELY THE CONTINUANCE OF AGGRESSION AND SUBVERSION. WE SHOULD ALSO LIKE THE RECORD TO REVEAL THAT MY DELEGATION FIRMLY BELIEVES THE SO-CALLED PRG HAS NO RIGHT FROM ANY SOURCE WHATSOEVER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS COMMISSION.

LASTLY, A CERTAIN MEMBER DELEGATION MADE VEILED ALLUSIONS TO THE RECEIPT BY SOUTH VIET NAM OF CERTAIN MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM A FOREIGN POWER. WE ARE, INDEED, MYSTIFIED AT THIS ALLUSION. THERE ARE DELEGATIONS FROM AT LEAST SIX GOVERNMENTS IN THIS HALL WHOSE GOVERNMENTS RENDER MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ALL SORTS AND MANNER OF STATES. THESE GOVERNMENTS INCLUDE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DELEGATION WHICH MADE THESE ALLUSIONS. WHILE WE ARE MYSTIFIED, IT IS CERTAINLY CLEAR THAT WHATEVER THIS MATTER IS, IT IS FAR BEYOND THE AGENDA OF THIS MEETING. WE, THEREFORE, REGRET AND ARE DISAPPOINTED AT THIS NEEDLESS AND DISRUPTIVE INTRUSION OF IRRELEVANT AND NONGERMANE ISSUES INTO OUR DELIBERATIONS

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WHICH ARE SO CRUCIAL TO THE WELL BEING OF THIS REGION. END QUOTE.

3. PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF STATEMENT, FERGUSON INFORMED USSR AND PRC DELS SEPARATELY, OF COURSE, THAT HE WAS COMPELLED TO PUT ON RECORD THE VIEWS OF THE USG SINCE PRC HAD SPREAD ITS VIEWS ON RECORD, THAT PURPOSE OF INTERVENTION WAS NOT TO PROVOKE CREDENTIALS ISSUE

AND THAT WE HOPE TO LIMIT MATTER STRICTLY TO THAT  
RAISED BETWEEN PRC AND RVN. USSR DEL (AMBASSADOR  
NESTERENKO) INDICATED THAT IF WE HAD TO DO SUCH,  
HE UNDERSTOOD BUT USSR WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW SUIT.  
HE VOLUNTEERED THAT USSR INTERVENTION WOULD NOT ESCALATE TO  
FORMAL CHALLENGE QUOTE, AT THIS TIME, UNQUOTE. PRC  
DEL LIMITED THEMSELVES TO REACTION QUOTE, VERY  
INTERESTING, UNQUOTE. IN ADDITION, AMBASSADOR  
FERGUSON INFORMED ROK AND KHMER INDICATING THAT IN  
THEIR BEST INTEREST, INTERVENTION WOULD BE LIMITED  
TO RVN. BOTH REACTED WITH GREAT RELIEF AND BOTH  
EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE HOSTILITY AT AGGRESSIVE TACTICS  
RVN. RVN WAS URGED TO EXERCISE UTMOST RESTRAINT IN  
EXCHANGES BETWEEN USG, PRC AND USSR. RVN DEL  
INDICATED THEY WOULD FOLLOW ADVICE QUOTE, UNLESS  
PROVOKED, UNQUOTE.

4. FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR FERGUSON'S INTERVENTION,  
USSR INTERVENED INDICATING IT HAD NOT WANTED TO  
ENTER EXCHANGE ON THE MATTER AS TO WHO IS GUILTY OF  
AGGRESSION. DEL STATED ISSUE IS STILL  
UNSETTLED AS TO WHO TRULY REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF  
VIET NAM. DEL CONTINUED, THAT LEAVING ASIDE  
CURRENT MATTERS, THE USSR REMAINS UNCHANGED IN ITS  
POSITION. USSR EMPHATICALLY REFUTES THE THESIS THAT  
SAIGON IS REPRESENTATIVE OF ANYTHING. THE PRG IS AN  
EXISTING GOVERNMENT WHICH IS THE REPRESENTATIVE, AND  
EXPRESSION OF THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE  
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. USSR DEL CONTINUED: USSR CANNOT  
REFRAIN FROM STATING THAT DVN IS UNFAIRLY DEPRIVED OF

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REPRESENTATION IN ESCAP. THE ABSENCE OF DVN IS A LOSS  
TO THE COMMISSION AND ITS IMPORTANT WORK. DEL  
EXPRESSED REGRET AT THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS.

5. PRC INTERVENED WITH EXPRESSION OF REGRET THAT  
A CERTAIN DELEGATION HAD SEEN FIT TO DEFEND SAIGON  
AUTHORITIES. THEY CONTINUED, THIS SUPER POWER HAS  
PERSISTENTLY INTERVENED IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF  
MANY, MANY ASIAN COUNTRIES. DEL CONCLUDED  
WITH ASSERTION THAT THIS IS JUST EXAMPLE OF BOTH  
SUPER POWERS CREATING CATASTROPHE IN ESCAP AREA BY  
THEIR WANTON STRUGGLE FOR HEGEMONY.

6. RVN DEL TOOK FLOOR TO SUMMARIZE POINTS OF ITS  
OWN LEGITIMACY AND CHARACTERIZE PRG AS A NOTHING  
BUT, IF SOMETHING, ARM OF AGGRESSION. SVN DEL  
CONCLUDED BY OFFERING ANY DELEGATION THEIR  
PUBLICATION ON THE ILLEGITIMACY OF THE SO-CALLED  
PRG.

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7. COMMENT: THE ENTIRE MATTER HAS NOW OBVIOUSLY  
ESCALATED BEYOND POSSIBILITY OF COLOMBO SOLUTION.  
HOWEVER, IT APPEARS WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN  
NARROWING THE CONFRONTATION TO THE ISSUE OF SVN AND  
AND PRG. OVER WEEKEND, AMBASSADOR FERGUSON INTENDS  
CONSULT AGAIN WITH USSR AND PRC TOWARD END OF AVOIDING  
A FORMAL CREDENTIALS CHALLENGE. IT MAY BE  
INSTRUCTIVE TO NOTE THAT END OF AMBASSADOR  
FERGUSON'S STATEMENT, HALL WAS SWEEPED WITH EXPLOSIVE  
BURST OF APPLAUSE. NO SUCH FOLLOWED OTHER INTERVENTIONS.  
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